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(G. RATIANI INTERNATIONAL REVIEW: "ACTIVE DEFENSE OF PEACE AND SECURITY")

(TEXT) THE SECOND HALF OF MAY HAS BEEN FULL OF MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF OUR COUNTRY AND ABROAD. ON 19 MAY THERE WAS A CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM WHICH HEARD AND APPROVED COMRADE L.I. BREZHNEV'S REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. "THE PLENUM STATES WITH PROFOUND SATISFACTION," ITS RESOLUTION SAYS, "THAT THE LENINIST FOREIGN POLICY OF THE CPSU AND THE SOVIET STATE ENJOYS THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE ENTIRE PARTY AND OF THE ENTIRE SOVIET PEOPLE. THE USSR'S PRINCIPLED, CONSISTENT FOREIGN POLICY ACCORDS WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET UNION, WORLD SOCIALISM, AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND ACTIVELY PROMOTES THE CONFIRMATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND THE REPULSING OF IMPERIALISM'S AGGRESSIVE POLICY."

WE LIVE AT A TIME WHEN SOCIALISM HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AS THE DECISIVE ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCE AND THE BULWARK OF PEACE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. NOBODY DEMANDS OF OUR CLASS OPPONENTS THAT THEY TURN TO OUR FAITH. BUT THE FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS OF MANKIND AND THE INTERESTS OF SAFEGUARDING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY DEMAND THAT THEY HEED REAL FACTS, THE SITUATION THAT HAS TAKEN SHAPE IN THE WORLD, AND THE EXISTING BALANCE OF FORCES.

LAST WEEK THE BONN PARLIAMENT'S RATIFICATION OF THE FRG'S TREATIES WITH THE USSR AND POLAND CONCLUDED A TENSE POLITICAL STRUGGLE IN WEST GERMANY APROPOS OF THESE TREATIES. WHEN HANS KOSCHNIK, BUNDESTAG VICE PRESIDENT, DECLARED ON 19 MAY THAT THE PROCESS OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATIES WAS COMPLETE, HE ADDED: "THIS IS THE END OF A LONG AND DIFFICULT ROAD." THE RATIFICATION OF THE TREATIES IS A GREAT VICTORY FOR THE PEACE-LOVING FORCES BOTH IN WEST GERMANY AND THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. AS FAR AS THE DEFEAT OF THE OPPOSITION IN THE FRG IS CONCERNED, IT HAS AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THAT ALL ATTEMPTS TO REVIVE THE "COLD WAR" ATMOSPHERE IN EUROPE ARE DOOMED TO FAILURE.

RATIFICATION IS A VICTORY FOR POLITICAL REALISM AND AN EVENT WHICH HAS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A HISTORICAL LANDMARK IN THE LIFE OF EUROPE AFTER THE END OF WORLD WAR II. THE VERY PERSISTENCE OF THE STRUGGLE REEMPHASIZES WHAT IMPORTANT PROBLEMS OF FUTURE RELATIONS ON OUR CONTINENT WILL BE SOLVED WHEN THESE TREATIES COME INTO FORCE.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE EVENT IS ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE ENTIRE WORLD PRESS. "BRANDT'S EASTERN POLICY HAD TO TRIUMPH," THE LONDON SUNDAY TIMES WRITES, "SINCE IT IS REALISTIC CONFIRMATION THAT IN OUR DAY--MORE THAN A QUARTER-CENTURY AFTER THE WAR--IT IS TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE EXISTING BORDERS AND AGREE TO THE FACT THAT EUROPE CANNOT REMAIN FOREVER IN THE STATE OF AN ARMED CAMP." THE PARIS LES ECHOS WRITES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RATIFICATION: "THE PATH HAS NOW BEEN CLEARED TOWARD THE CONVENING OF A PAN-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE." EVEN THOSE ORGANS OF THE AMERICAN PRESS WHICH HAD ADOPTED A CAUTIOUS STANCE AS REGARDS THE POSITIVE CHANGES IN EUROPE NOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ACT. "IT IS TO BE IMAGINED THAT FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE URAL MOUNTAINS," THE NEW YORK TIMES WRITES, RECALLING GENERAL DE GAULLE'S FAMOUS PHRASE, "POLITICALLY MINDED EUROPEANS FELT GREAT RELIEF IN HEARING THAT THE BONN PARLIAMENT HAD RATIFIED THE TREATIES, WHICH GAVE GROUNDS FOR HOPE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST."

OF COURSE, THE FORCES OF REACTION AND REVANCHE, WHILE ON THE RETREAT, HAVE NOT LAID DOWN THEIR ARMS. THE ACUTE POLITICAL STRUGGLE IN WEST GERMANY WILL CONTINUE, BUT IT IS ENTERING A NEW STAGE FOLLOWING THE FACT THAT RECOGNITION OF THE IMMUTABILITY OF THE EUROPEAN BORDERS, THE EXISTENCE OF TWO EQUAL GERMAN STATES, AND RENUNCIATION OF THE USE OF FORCE AND THE THREAT OF ITS USE HAVE BEEN CLEARLY DETERMINED IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS ASSUMED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES. THE TREATIES OPEN THE PATH FOR OTHER SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS AND SOLUTIONS OF INTEREST NOT ONLY TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE TREATIES BUT ALSO TO OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

THE PATH OF NEGOTIATION AND OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF ACUTE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS IS THE SOLE RATIONAL AND ACCEPTABLE COURSE FOR PEOPLES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. HOWEVER, RECOGNITION OF THIS FACT IS STILL FORCING ITS WAY INTO PRACTICE WITH DIFFICULTY IN A NUMBER OF CASES.

THE 150TH SESSION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE VIETNAM TALKS SHOULD HAVE BEEN HELD IN PARIS LAST WEEK. THE DRV AND PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM DELEGATIONS RESOLUTELY INSISTED ON THE CONVENING OF THE SESSION. HOWEVER, THE AMERICAN-SAIGON SIDE REFUSED. THE PARIS TALKS HAVE NOW BEEN UNDERWAY FOR 4 YEARS, AND THEY HAVE NOT ADVANCED SOLELY BECAUSE WASHINGTON IS ATTEMPTING IN EVERY WAY TO PRESERVE ITS DOMINATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE THOROUGHLY ROTTEN THIEU REGIME. THE PATRIOTIC FORCES' SUCCESSFUL OFFENSIVE HAS DESTROYED THE MYTH OF "VIETNAMIZATION" AND HAS SHOWN THAT THE ANTIPOPULAR THIEU POWER IS HOLDING OUT SOLELY WITH THE BAYONETS OF THE OCCUPIERS.

THE AMERICAN REACTIONARY PRESS HAS RECENTLY KICKED UP A PROVOCATIVE BALLYHOO APROPOS THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE'S FIGHTERS, LIBERATING THE VILLAGES, CITIES AND PROVINCES OF SOUTH VIETNAM WITH UNPARALLELED HEROISM, POSSESS MODERN ARMS WHICH ARE SUPPLIED TO THE VIETNAMESE PATRIOTS BY THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. AT THE SAME TIME, THESE PRESS ORGANS REGARD THE COLOSSAL AMERICAN MILITARY ARSENAL IN INDOCHINA AS SOMETHING TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED. THERE YOU HAVE LOGIC REALLY BEING STOOD ON ITS HEAD.

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(TEXT) BELGIAN MINISTER OF STATE ANDRE (ROLEN) DECLARED IN THE PRESS A FEW DAYS AGO THAT "MILITARY ACTIONS COULD HAVE CEASED LONG SINCE IF THE WASHINGTON ADMINISTRATION HAD NOT ASPIRED TO STUBBORNLY MAINTAIN PRESIDENT THIEU IN POWER IN SAIGON AND HAD PERMITTED THE FORMATION OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT." A WIDE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS NOT ONLY OF THE SOCIALIST STATES AND STATES OF THE "THIRD WORLD" BUT ALSO OF CAPITALIST COUNTRIES ARE NOW INSISTING ON A PEACEFUL, JUST SOLUTION IN VIETNAM.

THE LENGTHY EXPERIENCE OF THE HISTORY OF THE IMPERIALIST COLONIAL WAR IN INDOCHINA HAS SHOWN THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE NOR WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO FRIGHTEN THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE OR ISOLATE THEM FROM THE ASSISTANCE OF TRUE FRIENDS. THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM WILL ACHIEVE THEIR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE. THE PATH TO ENDING THE WAR IS THE POLITICAL PATH, THE PATH OF TALKS.

THERE IS ALSO AN INCREASINGLY OBVIOUS NEED FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT IN THE NEAR EAST, THE LIBERATION OF ARAB LANDS SEIZED BY ISRAEL, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RELIABLE AND LASTING PEACE THERE. THE ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE CONVINCINGLY SHOWN THEIR READINESS FOR SUCH A SETTLEMENT. HOWEVER, ISRAEL IS OBSTINATELY CLINGING TO ITS FORMER AGGRESSIVE POLICY.

THE SOVIET UNION'S FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH THE PROGRESSIVE ARAB STATES ARE DEVELOPING AND STRENGTHENING. THEY HAVE NEVER BEFORE BEEN AS STRONG AND MULTIFACETED. THE VISIT TO SYRIA AND EGYPT BY USSR DEFENSE MINISTER A. GRECHKO, MARSHAL OF THE SOVIET UNION, WAS ANOTHER LINK IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT. NEXT WEEK SEES THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET-EGYPTIAN TREATY, WHICH PLAYS A POSITIVE ROLE IN COOPERATION BETWEEN THE USSR AND EGYPT AND IN INSURING THE POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE AND DEFENSE CAPABILITY OF EGYPT. THE SOVIET-IRAQI TREATY WHICH WAS SIGNED RECENTLY PROMOTES THE STRENGTHENING OF IRAQ'S INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS.

WHATEVER THE PROBLEM OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE MIGHT BE, WHETHER IN EUROPE, SOUTHEAST ASIA, OR THE NEAR EAST, EACH TIME LIFE SHOWS THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND SOLUTIONS BY WAY OF CONFRONTATION OR THE "POSITION OF STRENGTH" POLICY.

THERE ARE SERIOUS DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THE POLITICAL COURSES OF THE MAIN CAPITALIST STATES--COURSES WHICH ARE DICTATED TO THEM BY THEIR ECONOMIC AND OTHER INTERESTS. WHEN TALKING ABOUT TRADE COMPETITION, CURRENCY PROBLEMS OR DIPLOMACY, THE BOURGEOIS PRESS POINTS OUT MORE AND MORE OFTEN THE "MULTIPOLAR NATURE" OF THE CAPITALIST WORLD AND THE CHANGE IN THE CORRELATION OF FORCES IN IT. HOWEVER, DESPITE ALL THIS "MULTIPOLAR NATURE," THE POLICY OF A RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION, PEACE, AND THE SECURITY OF THE PEOPLES PREVAILS OVER THE POLICY OF WAR AND AGGRESSION.

THESE DAYS WESTERN OBSERVERS ARE PAYING PARTICULARLY BROAD ATTENTION TO SUCH PROBLEMS AS CONFRONTATION OR TALKS, WHO BENEFITS FROM PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, AND HOW TO STRENGTHEN PEACE AND PREVENT THE THREAT OF WAR. SPECIAL INTEREST IN THESE PROBLEMS IS PERFECTLY UNDERSTANDABLE AT THE MOMENT. TOMORROW U.S. PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON ARRIVES IN MOSCOW, AND SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT TALKS WILL TAKE PLACE, PREPARATION FOR WHICH HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR A CONSIDERABLE LENGTH OF TIME.

A LEADING AMERICAN OBSERVER, JAMES RESTON, WRITES IN THE NEW YORK TIMES: "FOR MORE THAN A QUARTER-CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAVE FOCUSED THEIR ATTENTION ON QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE DIVIDED THEM....BUT NOW, AFTER A MULTITUDE OF ACUTE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION, THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE MEETING IN MOSCOW TO TALK ABOUT LIMITED, BUT IMPORTANT FIELDS OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION." STRESSING THAT "THE CONFLICT OF PHILOSOPHIES AND AIMS STILL REMAINS AS FIERCE AND BROAD AS EVER," RESTON WRITES THAT AT THE SAME TIME THERE IS A MANIFEST DESIRE ON THE PART OF BOTH SIDES "TO AVOID A BIG WAR AND TO LIMIT THE ARMS RACE, WHICH NOW COSTS THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD MORE THAN 200 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR, TO EXPAND TRADE, AND TO COOPERATE IN THE FIELD OF SPACE RESEARCH." "A GREAT DEAL OF LABOR AND COMMONSENSE HAS GONE INTO THE PREPARATION FOR NIXON'S TRIP TO MOSCOW," HE CONTINUES, AND "AGREEMENTS ON STRATEGIC ARMS, TRADE, ACCESS TO BERLIN, EUROPEAN SECURITY AND SPACE" HAVE BEEN UNDER PREPARATION. "IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT AMERICAN-SOVIET MEETING SINCE THE LAST WAR," THE OBSERVER STRESSES.

RIGHTIST PRESS IS ACTING MALICIOUSLY. THE U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT PUBLISHED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE BELLIGERENT ANTICOMMUNIST R. CONQUEST. TO THE QUESTION "WHAT DO THE RUSSIANS WANT FROM PRESIDENT NIXON?" THIS "KREMLINOLOGIST" REPLIES: "TO PUT IT BRIEFLY AND BLUNTLY, THEY WANT EVERYTHING THEY CAN GET, BUT TO GIVE NOTHING IN RETURN." THE REASON CONQUEST AND THE WEEKLY WHICH PUBLISHES HIM RESORT TO THESE FABRICATIONS IS PERFECTLY CLEAR: TO THEM ANYTHING GOES SO FAR AS OBSTRUCTING THE EASING OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION IS CONCERNED.

HOWEVER, THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC IS CLEARLY AWARE THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS APPROACHING THE FORTHCOMING SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT TALKS FROM BUSINESSLIKE, REALISTIC POSITIONS. EVERYBODY IS WELL AWARE OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STATE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS BOTH FOR THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND FOR THE WHOLE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND ITS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE DIRECTION OF LASTING PEACE OR THE GROWTH OF TENSION.

"WE HAVE STATED BEFORE AND CONFIRM NOW," COMRADE L.I. BREZHNEV SAID AT THE 15TH USSR TRADE UNION CONGRESS, "THAT IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND THE UNITED STATES IS POSSIBLE. MOREOVER, IT IS DESIRABLE, BUT, OF COURSE, NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF ANY THIRD COUNTRIES OR PEOPLES, NOT TO THE DETRIMENT OF THEIR LAWFUL RIGHTS AND INTERESTS. THIS IS OUR IMMUTABLE POSITION."

OUR PARTY IS UNSWERVINGLY IMPLEMENTING THE PEACE PROGRAM ELABORATED BY THE 24TH CPSU CONGRESS, EMPLOYING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFIC SITUATION, VARIOUS FORMS AND METHODS OF IMPLEMENTING IT, AND IS ORGANICALLY LINKING THE SOLUTION OF DIRECT CURRENT TALKS OF THE PRESENT DAY WITH LONG-TERM PROSPECTS AND THE GOAL OF THE STRUGGLE FOR THE PEACE, FREEDOM, AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE PEOPLES, SOCIAL PROGRESS AND SOCIALISM.

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